

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS BOARD**  
**JULY 18, 2001 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**Room 428- Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Bldg.**  
**160 East 300 South**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED:** 9:13 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:18 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager  
Marty Simon, Board Secretary  
Board Members:  
Bruce Sharp      Lee Anne Box  
Paul Littlefield

**ABSENT:**

Merl Thurgood

**GUESTS:**

None

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2001 board meeting were approved as written.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Proposed Rules

Copies of the revised rules draft were given to each of the board members for review. Mr. Ormond stated he had used the rules that Ohio has as a model for the continuing education (CE) language. He stated he had deleted the definition from R156-46a-101 for Qualified Professional Continuing Education and added a new section, R156-46a-304 entitled Continuing Education.

The Board wanted to add marketing and customer relations, client counseling and ethical practice as areas of continuing education in R156-46a-304 (2) (a). Mr. Ormond agreed to do so.

The Board also wanted to add to the continuing education section "that any person dispensing hearing instruments in the state of Utah will be required to complete two continuing education units (CEU), which equals four hours, of training regarding state laws and rules and ethical practices." It was determined that the monetary impact for an individual to attend the association meeting for the CEU requirements would be \$225.00 per person. Mr. Ormond

will add a line (5) to R156-46a-304 containing this requirement. Mr. Ormond

stated he is not sure if Mr. Walker, Division Legal Counsel, will approve the requirement in R156-46a-304 (2) (a) for the two CEUs.

It was decided that the local Utah Hearing Aid Society should be responsible for making the training classes available for those license holders who are out of state or cannot attend the yearly association meeting where they are normally given. The other alternative for these people would be to allow them an exemption

Mr. Sharp stated the National Hearing Aid Society (NHAS) name has been changed to the International Hearing Society (IHS). Any other continuing education classes not approved by the two associations HIS and the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) can be reviewed and approved by the Board if acceptable

Mr. Ormond gave the board members the new Division website address of [www.dopl.utah.gov](http://www.dopl.utah.gov). to be able to obtain a list of all licensees and addresses so the Association could send notification to everyone about the new CEU requirements.

A motion was made by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Ms. Box to approve the rules as amended at this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ormond stated the rules hearing will probably be scheduled for the October board meeting or sooner.

#### Complaints

Mr. Ormond spoke about the procedure of reporting a complaint to the Division's Bureau of Investigations or checking on a person to determine if they are licensed. He reminded them that if a board member is given information about someone and the complaint later goes to a hearing then the board member may automatically be recused.

#### Exam Requirements

Mr. Ormond informed the Board he had spoken with the National Board for Certification of Hearing Instrument Specialist (NBCHIS) about their requirements for taking the national exam. They require that an applicant is licensed and has been dispensing for two years to qualify to take the NBCHIS exam.

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 10, 2001

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DATE APPROVED

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CHAIRPERSON, UTAH HEARING  
INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST BOARD

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